

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/069,145	AHOLA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Humera N. Sheikh	1615	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Humera N. Sheikh. (3) _____.

(2) James C. Lydon. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 27 May 2005.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 8-13, 15 and 16.

Identification of prior art discussed: Zhang et al. (US 5,858,280).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.



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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Attorney inquired regarding the Examiner's interpretation of the term 'biodegradable' as recited in independent composition claim 8, with respect to the prior art of Zhang et al. Attorney specifically directed Examiner to Zhang et al. (column 4, lines 59-66), wherein Zhang et al. teaches 'water resistance, impact strength' etc, whereby Attorney stated that this teaching implies non-biodegradability. Examiner stated that while Zhang et al. do not explicitly recite 'biodegradable' in their patent, the term 'biodegradable' as recited in instant composition claim 8 was not afforded significant patentable weight because the term was fairly relative and was given its' generic broad definition, since no particular definition of 'biodegradable' was observed in the instant specification. Attorney will review the specification in detail to determine if a specific definition of 'biodegradable' is present therein. Suggestions provided were: (1) To amend independent claim to include a specific definition of 'biodegradable' supported by the specification; and if instant working examples provided degrees of biodegradability, then include that specific recitation into claims and (2) Submit an affidavit providing factual or documentary evidence (publications, journal articles, etc.) demonstrating the definition of 'biodegradable' as determined by one of ordinary skill in the art. Since application is currently under Final Rejection, any significant amendment may or may not be entered. Amendment may possibly be entered if it is determined to place the application in condition for allowance. (Method claims 12, 13, 15 and 16 are currently objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form). Applicant's response will be carefully reviewed upon receipt. No agreement was reached at this time.